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TUSCALOOSA TO HOST THE FIREFIGHTER COMBAT CHALLENGE

TUSCALOOSA – February 9, 2011 –The City of Tuscaloosa, along with the Tuscaloosa Tourism and Sports Commission, is proud to host the Firefighter Combat Challenge (FCC) on April 30 - May 1, 2011 at the Downtown City Fest Lot.

FCC is a competition among firefighters across the United States and the world to see which individual, team and relay team is the best of the best. The event is a great opportunity for the public to come out and see why firefighters are America's heroes.

Firefighters wear their full gear in the competition and compete for the best time. The challenge's purpose: To help firefighters to perform one of the most dangerous jobs safer and better. The FCC, which has been seen on ESPN, is held across the United States and is hailed as "The Toughest Two Minutes in Sports."

Tuscaloosa has had teams represent the Tuscaloosa Fire and Rescue Service (TFRS) in Albertville, AL; Kissimmee, FL; Brandon, MS; Lexington, KY; and nationals in Myrtle Beach, SC.

"Bringing the Firefighter Combat Challenge to Tuscaloosa is a great opportunity for the community to get a firsthand look at the physical fitness and skills it takes to be a firefighter," said Chief Alan Martin of the TFRS. "The challenge simulates the essential skills it takes to be a firefighter. The teams you will see here that weekend will be among the "best in the best," and that includes our Tuscaloosa team.

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